into the alleged embezzement of funds allocated by Government for hosting science congress in the Punjab University, and

(b) if so, the details of the matter and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotion of Group 'D' 'Employees' in KVS

1152. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any internal promotion quota for promotion of Group 'D' employees Class III posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the methodology of executing it;

(c) whether any provision has been made for reservation of SC/ST in promotion quota of Group 'D' employees; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a provision for filling up of 10% vacancy of Lower Division Clerks (created/made available after 12.1.92) through promotion of the Group 'D' employees working in Kendriya Vidyalayas on the basis of their service records.

(c) and (d) Department of Personnel and Training instructions do not provide for reservation for SC/ST in promotion where the element of direct recruitment is more than 75%.

Girls Enrolled for Primary Education in Gujarat

1153. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage of girls enrolled for primary and upper primary education in Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the rate of drop outs in respect of girl students in these categories during the said period; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure enrolment of all the girls of school going age in schools and reduce the drop out rate among them in Gujarat so as to achieve full literacy amongst the girls of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to the available information the Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls enrolled for classes I-V and VI-VIII in Gujarat are as follows:

Year	Classes I-V	Classes VI-VIII
1993-94	106.0	55.5
1994-95	109.6	51.4
1995-96	106.8	61.5

(b) Drop out rate in respect of girl students in Gujarat is as follows:

Year	Classes I-V	Classes VI-VIII
1993-94	51.39	66.46
1994-95	51.07	65.13
1995-96	41.15	62.76

(c) The Central and State Government have taken several steps to promote education of girls. These include establishment of separate schools for

girls; provision of attendance scholarships; free textbooks and uniforms; exemption from tuition fee; appointment of more women teachers; and provision of separate toilets for girls. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Non-Formal Education, 90% Central assistance is provided to girls' centres. The proportion of girls centres has been raised from 25% to 40% in the Eighth Plan. The introduction of the Mid-day Meals Programme is also expected to have a positive effect on enrolment and retention of girls in primary schools.

Approval to Technical and Professional Courses

1154. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All-India Council for Technical Education is approving the technical and professional courses offered by institutions other than the universities and deemed universities; if so, which are the examination bodies, for such courses;

(b) whether the AICTE has recognised courses offered by the foreign universities; if so, the names of foreign universities recognised by the AICTE; and

(c) which are the recognised professional and technical courses offered by the foreign universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is approving the technical and professional courses offered by institutions other than the universities and deemed universities. Examination bodies for the MBA courses are the universities of the region. In case of Post-Graduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDBM) courses, institutes are themselves taking final examination. From the year 1997-98 onwards the Council is not approving PGDBM courses.

(b) and (c) AICTE has not recognised any course of foreign university.

Dravidian Schools and Universities

1155. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Dravidian languages school/university in the country and their location;

(b) whether any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for approval is pending; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to assist the setting up of a Dravidian University in Hyderabad for which A.P. Legislature has given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The Central Government have no details regarding number of Dravidian language schools as such statistics are not maintained. The details of the number of Dravidian Unversities are:

(i) Kannada University (Hampi),
(ii) Potti Sriramulu Telugu University (Hyderabad),
(iii) Tamil University (Tanjavore).

(b) and (c) There is an established and laid down procedure under the U.G.C. Act for the State Universities to obtain assistance from the Central Grants through the U.G.C. for specific programmes subject to fulfilment of certain pre-requisites. these are processed and dealt with in the University Grants Commission.